

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Remember—The Little Member.

You may keep your feet from slipping,
And your hands from evil deeds,
But to guard your tongue from tripping,

What unceasing care it needs!
Be you old or be you young,
Oh, beware,
Take good care
Of the tittle-tattle, telltale tongue!

You may feel inclined to quarrel
With the doctrine that I preach,
But the soundness of the moral
Sad experience will teach:

Be it said or be it sung
Everywhere,
Oh, beware
Of the tittle-tattle, telltale tongue!

—Henry Johnstone in St. Nicholas.
Nicholas.

A Bit of History.

Just after the completion of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803—which is commemorated by the World's Fair of this year at St. Louis—the American Congress, urged by President Jefferson, authorized an expedition to explore the newly acquired territory. President Jefferson's private secretary, Meriwether Lewis, was appointed commander of this expedition, and he chose as his associate Capt. William Clark, an old army friend.

A hundred years ago this month these intrepid men, with a small party of about thirty explorers, were well away on their journey up the Missouri River, as far as the mouth of the Platte. In May of the following year they had their first glimpse of the Rockies, and before that year (1805) was ended they had crossed the Great Range and pushed on to the Pacific Ocean by way of the Columbia River. During certain parts of their journey they endured great hardships, and for fifteen months they were cut off from all communication with the outer world.

It was one of the most famous of American expeditions, and to the pluck and perseverance of this little band of explorers we owe the acquisition, later, of the territory now embraced in the three great States of our northwestern boundary—Washington, Oregon and Idaho.—From "Westward the Course of Empire Takes Its Way" in July St. Nicholas.

"What's the Harm?"

"What's the harm of doing as I like, if I don't hurt anybody but myself?" asked a young girl, whose teacher was begging her to be more careful about certain amusements in which she indulged too much for her own health and well-being.

"If I do get a little too tired with tennis or anything like that, or if I practice too long at the piano, because I love it, I have to bear what comes, and nobody else suffers," said Helen.

"You can't live to yourself, if you try," said her teacher, "and, though you may be the only one to feel wear-

ness or pain, somebody else misses what you could do if you were strong and fresh, and that is the harm done. Then, when you are tired and ill, are you always cheerful? I am afraid not. Then other people have to be patient with you, and bear your ill-temper, or your moodiness, which isn't fair, when you have brought it on yourself. No, Helen, you are not the only one who suffers, if, by going too far even in lawful things, you wear yourself out, waste time, and hurt yourself; because you are responsible for what you can do for others and for being as pleasant, as well, and cheerful as possible; and whatever interferes with all this, is selfish and wrong."

This was plain speaking, but it did good, for it opened Helen's eyes, and she did not again ask that foolish and useless question, "What's the harm?"—Selected.

Things to Remember.

1. Never to stick pins into butterflies and other insects, unless you would like to have somebody stick pins into you.
2. Never to carry poultry with their heads hanging down, unless you would like to be carried in the same way.
3. Never to throw stones at those harmless creatures, the frogs, unless you would like to have stones thrown at you in the same way.
4. That almost all snakes are harmless and useful.
5. That it is very cruel to keep fish in glass globes, slowly dying.
6. That it is cruel to keep twitching the reins while driving.
7. That when your horse is put in a strange stable you should always be sure that he is properly fed and watered.
8. That you should never ride after a poor-looking horse when you can help it. Always look at the horse, and refuse to ride after a poor-looking one, or a horse whose head is tied by a tight check-rein.
9. That you should always talk kindly to every dumb creature.
10. That you should always treat every dumb creature as you would like to be treated yourself if you were in the creature's place.—Angell's Lessons on Kindness to Animals.

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